

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/780,415

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on November 01, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-2, 4-5, 7, 12 and 23-38, now are 1-22.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

1. This application claims benefit of the provisional applications:
60/381,616 with a filing date 05/17/2002; and
60/406,711 with a filing date 08/29/2002.
2. Amendment of claims 1-2, 4-5, 7, 12, and 23-38 and cancellation of claims 3, 6, 8-11 and 13-22 in the amendment filed on November 01, 2007, is acknowledged.
Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7, 12 and 23-38 are pending and prosecuted in the case.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement, filed on November 12, 2007 has been considered. Please refer to Applicant's copy of the 1449 submitted herein.

Responses to Amendment/Arguments

4. The rejection of claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph has been overcome in the amendment filed on November 01, 2007. Since claim 22 has been cancelled, the rejection of claim 22 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph has been obviated herein.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

5. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview

with Daniel Feigelson on January 7, 2008. The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 7, after line 3, insert

--Claims 8-11 (cancelled)--.

Reasons for Allowance

6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7, 12 and 23-38 are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious over the art of record, and therefore are allowable. This invention relates to bicyclic modulators of androgen receptor function. The closest reference is Launay et al. US 6,710,064, which discloses hydanton compounds useful as anti-inflammatory agents. The difference between Launay et al. and instant claims is that the instant compounds are not found in Launay et al. A suggestion for modification of above reference to obtain the instant compounds/composition has not been found. Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7, 12 and 23-38 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

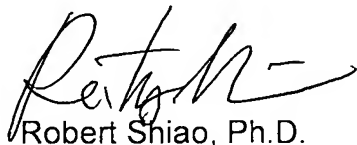
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

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examiner should be directed to Robert Shiao whose telephone number is (571) 272-0707. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph K. McKane can be reached on (571) 272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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